

2022 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland

Archeology

**Barwick's Ordinary Site (18CA261), Caroline County,
Maryland**

May 20 – 30, 2022

Welcome to the 2022 Field Session, sponsored by the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc., with the assistance of the Maryland Historical Trust and the Washington College Department of Anthropology. The information contained in this document should help make your experience enjoyable, informative, and safe.

The 2022 Field Session will be held at the 18th-Century Barwick's Ordinary site. In addition to contributing to an active research program by digging, screening and washing artifacts in the field, participants will have the opportunity to learn about many aspects of archaeology through a variety of planned on-site activities and events.

What to Bring

The site is situated in a small open field surrounded by suburban houses and yards overlooking the Choptank River. As a largely non-wooded site, the greatest environmental threat will be from the sun. You should wear comfortable, loose clothing. Long sleeves, trousers, and gloves are recommended. Sturdy shoes or boots are required for protection from sharp tools. Protection from the sun should include sunscreen and a hat or other head covering, at a minimum.

Major equipment and supplies, including limited drinking water, will be provided. We prefer that participants pack a lunch to minimize off-site time and to avoid interfering with lunchtime activities, such as lectures and workshops. Any tools or equipment needed will be available, but if you wish you may bring and use your own tools. Here is a list of equipment you should consider bringing:

1. Work gloves
2. Insect repellent
3. Raingear
4. Sunscreen
5. Drinking water
6. Your lunch (!!!)
7. Folding chair for lunchtime/lectures
8. CAT book if you intend to fulfill requirements for certification

Information/Sales

A combined information/sales area will be set up each day near the site. Please check in at the information table *each* day when you arrive. Some field equipment, including line levels, Marshalltown trowels, gloves, as well as special 2022 Field Session T-shirts, and a selection of books on archaeology, will be available for sale each morning.

Agenda

Fieldwork will be from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM each day with a lunch break from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. **Work will begin at about 10:30 AM on the first day, Friday, May 20th.** Parking is available on an adjacent property. **THESE ARE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES - PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE SITE MORE THAN ½ HOUR BEFORE THE SCHEDULED START TIME.**

Orientation/safety lectures will be presented at 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM daily (as needed) to introduce new arrivals to the site and field procedures. Every Field Session participant must attend one orientation/safety lecture before participating.

A field lab will be set up under a shade awning on the site with the goal of cleaning and drying as much of the recovered material as possible by the end of the Field Session. Work in the lab provides an alternative for persons wanting a break from digging, from the sun, unable to dig, or missing an orientation.

Educational Opportunities and Special Events

Field Session staff is organizing occasional lunchtime lectures. All of these are open to anyone interested. The complete schedule will be posted, as plans are finalized.

Evening lecture: The Spencer Geasey Memorial Lecture will take place at the Wharves of Choptank Visitor & Heritage Center on Wednesday, 25 May from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Dr. Julie Markin and her Anthropology Students from Washington College will present all of the research to-date on the Barwick's Ordinary site. The site represents the remains of an apparent mid-late 18th century tavern and dwelling occupied by James Barwick, the caretaker of Melville's Landing (first county seat of Caroline County).

Lunchtime lectures (12:00 – 12:30, on site):

Tuesday 24 May: *Flint and Steel Fire Starting* – JPPM Education and Living History Exhibit Specialist, Nate Salzman, will provide a demonstration on how flint and steel were used in the colonial era to keep the home fires burning.

Friday 27 May: *3D Photogrammetry for the Field and Lab* – State Terrestrial Archaeologist, Zac Singer, and CAT Committee Chair, Tom McLaughlin, will provide a live demonstration of how 3D photogrammetry technologies can be used in the field and lab settings.

Social: 28 May - Annual Field Session Feast on-site at Barwick's - 4:00 p.m. till the food is gone. Entertainment will be provided by a local bluegrass band.

CAT Survey Opportunities: There will be opportunities for CAT candidates to earn survey hours excavating shovel test pits on 5/22 and 5/23, and remote sensing survey later in the week.

Lodging

ASM will NOT be arranging for lodging at the field session. However, there are hotels available nearby in Denton, and a short drive away in Easton.

Primitive camping will be available near the site. Small tents and van-sized campers will be permitted at no charge. Please contact Zachary Singer at 410-697-9544, or by email at zachary.singer@maryland.gov to get on the camping list. ASM will be providing a porta-pot and a hot water field shower is available for use by campers. Campers should plan to provide their own cooking equipment (camp stove) and utensils, should they decide to prepare breakfast and/or dinner.

In case of inclement weather

Call the following work number to receive a recorded message about the field work if the weather looks bad. Zac Singer will post a notice on his outgoing voice message by 6:30am if ASM is calling off the day's events. The number to call is 410-697-9544.

Directions to the Barwick's Ordinary Site

Longitude Latitude for GPS: 38.910575, -75.831205

Address for GPS: 25126 Smith Landing Rd, Denton, MD 21629

The Barwick's Ordinary Site is accessed from Maryland Highway 404 (Queen Anne's/Shore Highway) which runs from MD 50 to the Maryland/Delaware border.

From either the east or west, look for the MD 313 exit just north of Denton. Take the exit and head north on MD 313 (Greensboro Road). Smith Landing Road is approximately 1.5 miles north of the exit on the left-hand side of the road.

Follow Smith Landing Road southwest, and then west towards the Choptank River. Smith Landing Road will transition to gravel and also make a major jog to the south, but continue to follow the road and ASM Directional signage to the road's terminus. The site is to the left of the road and parking is ahead to the right. Please follow the signs to the parking area and walk back to the site.

Wharves of Choptank Visitor & Heritage Center is located at:

3 Crouse Park Lane

Denton, MD 21629

